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**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**January 8, 2008**

**Memorial Hall – Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale  
7:30 P.M.**

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Chairman Stephens called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:36 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, in Memorial Hall in the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale.

Present: Chairman Kim Stephens, Dan Ives, Earl Cowell, Steve Arens, Anne Schultz, Liza Buczkowski

Absent: Julie McGue, Frank Gonzalez, Carolyn Winterfield

Also Present: Village Planner Sean Gascoigne

Minutes – October 9, 2007

The Commission reviewed and discussed the minutes of the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Shultz moved to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Ives seconded the motion. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Discussion

**National Register Meeting**

Chairman Stephens confirmed the meeting date and place for the National Register Meeting. She stated the meeting would be on February 27<sup>th</sup> in the Village Board Room. She also educated the Commissioners on the video creation the Hinsdale Central broadcast club created which pictures and video of both Commissioner McGue and Commissioner Cowell's house. The club also interviewed Village Trustee Jean Follet and included other shots of Hinsdale as well.

Chairman Stevens discussed with the Commissioners about the Hinsdale preservation ordinance and what other towns such as Elmhurst that have them as well. She also went into detail about what went into the preservation ordinance for Elmhurst. Commissioner Arens requested a copy of the Hinsdale preservation ordinance.

Chairman Stevens discussed with the Commissioners about the best strategy for distributing the mailings, posters, and other publicity for the National Register. She stated she would like to put the posters up in areas such as churches, empty storefronts, and at the train stations.

Commissioners Arens and Buczkowski also indicated the need to publicize downtown.

Chairman Stephens requested the Commissioners make phone calls from their respective lists and also confirm the mailings and attendance for the National Register meeting

Commissioner Shultz questioned if the public has the right to vote on the approval or if the state makes the decision. 9:30 Commissioner ??? and Village Planner Gascoigne both confirmed it has been approved already unless 51% of the homeowners voting against it. Chairman Stevens stated she has never seen this happen in her tenure before.

11:00 Commissioner /?? Discussed the National Register plaques in the downtown area and if they could be utilized for poster usage or maps. General discussion followed.

The Commissioners questioned if the meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> would be considered a public hearing or a public meeting. Village Planner Gascoigne stated that it would be a public hearing. He then went into detail about the differences between the two types such as a public hearing would require a public notice in the newspaper and mailing to homes 250 feet away. He also discussed the details about what happens in a public hearing and how the public can be involved. Commissioner Shultz suggested providing packets discussing the landmarking of homes for residents that show up or have questions about the matter. Village Planner Gascoigne confirmed he is in possession of these packets for the meeting.

Chairman Stevens discussed the National Register packets and asked Village Planner Gascoigne for an update on the packet being loaded onto the website. Village Planner Gascoigne stated the information has presented to the Hinsdale computer technician, but due to vacation and holidays the information has yet to be put on the site. He confirmed he would look into the matter.

Chairman Stevens discussed the budget and what the constraints are for the Historic Preservation Commission. Village Planner Gascoigne stated the finished budget is still in process and he would present the numbers when they become available. He stated he would also find out when the new budget will come into effect.

Chairman Stevens questioned to the Commissioners about receiving private funds such as through a bank or another organization that is on historic property for a sign recognizing the historic property. She suggested Hinsdale Bank and trust that is located at the old Hinsdale fire department. The Commission discussed the matter and indicated they would need to have the sign design determined and then try and request the funds. They also discussed if the sign or plaque should have a map, picture, or just text commemorating the building. Chairman Stevens also questioned the cost of the plaques and where they could be designed. Village Planner Gascoigne suggested contacting the Village Strategist to obtain this information.

Chairman Stevens made final remarks about the National Register meeting and the publicity. Commissioner Cowell recommended playing a short video on channel 6 to educate residents on what it means to be Landmarked. Chairman Stevens stated she would like to see this done and would consult with the Village Strategist on the most effective way to complete the video.

Commissioner Buczkowski leaves at 8:15.

### **Granacki Designation Update**

Village Planner Gascoigne stated Vicki Granacki filed with the state and hoped to be completed by June. He also stated it could be pushed back until September. General discussion then took place. Chairman Stevens discussed the process about what details are included in this application.

Commissioner Ives stated that it is a confusing problem due to the amount of steps and people that are involved in the process.

Chairman Stevens requested to Village Planner for updates at the beginning and mid points of the month from Vicki Granacki regarding the applications. Village Planner accepted this request.

### **Preservation Month**

Chairman Stevens discussed the Preservation Month from the previous year. She stated the picture contest turned out well and she would like to have it again. She would also like to see more participation from Hinsdale Central students instead of Lyon Township like in years past. The Commission found more entries from middle school than high school also.

Chairman Stevens brought up the discussion regarding the coloring contest for Preservation Month. The Commission discussed and decided to keep the contest for 2008. They discussed which building should be used for the contest and suggested a building in the downtown area like the Gap, Starbucks, or old Theater building. Chairman Stevens summarized the focus would be on education for National Register Districts, preservation awards, and the contests.

Commissioner Ives questioned if historic plaques for newly land marked homes would be distributed. Village Planner Gascoigne stated he would look into the issue.

### **General Discussion**

Chairman Stevens and Commissioner Ives discussed talking to different clubs such as the Hinsdale Women's Club about Historic Preservation and the National Register District. The Commission talked about what type of format could be used and how long the presentation should be. They discussed the same issue regarding the National Register District meeting and how to better present the information. Chairman Stevens suggested that a few members from the Commission present as well as Vicki Granacki but to also keep the presentation a manageable length such as 15 to 20 minutes in length. Chairman Stevens as well as the Commissioners agreed a power point presentation would be the best format.

### Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Stephens moved to adjourn. Commissioner Cowell seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne  
Village Planner